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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

(Case No. 98,189-P1)

In the Application of:

William Richards

Serial No.: 10/601,925

Filed: June 23, 2003

Title: Automated Molecular Pathology Apparatus  
Having Independent Slide Heaters



) Art Unit: 1743

) Examiner: Brian R. Gordon

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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In regard to the above identified application:

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- B. Form PTO-1449
- C. Statement of Relevancy of Foreign Language References
- D. Copy of cited Non-U.S. Patent References
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## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97-1.98, applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the Non-U.S. Patent References cited below are enclosed along with a completed Form-1449.

Pursuant to MPEP Section 608 and 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that each item of information referenced herein was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**U.S. Patent**

	<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
1.	3,911,749	Hendry	October 14, 1975
2.	4,721,680	Jeffs et al.	January 26, 1988
3.	4,888,998	Buzza et al.	December 26, 1989
4.	4,962,041	Roginski et al.	October 9, 1990
5.	4,974,459	Maekelae et al.	December 4, 1990
6.	5,081,872	Greter et al.	January 21, 1992
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**Foreign Patent**

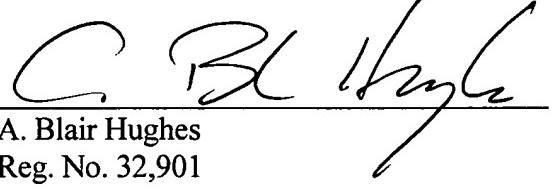
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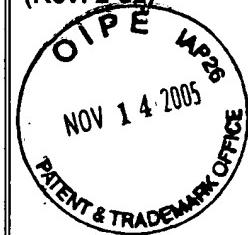
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	4,962,041	10/9/90	Roginski et al.			
	4,974,459	12/4/90	Maekelae et al.			
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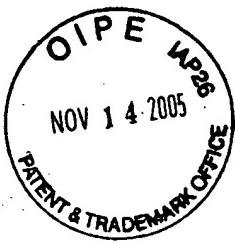
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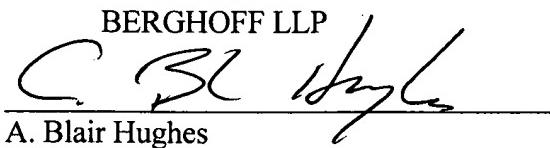
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Dear Sir:

The DE 32 44881 A1 reference, which is cited in an Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant filed contemporaneously with this Statement, is being supplied in a language other than in English. The relevancy of the foreign language reference is identified in the European Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in a corresponding European Patent (a copy of which are hereto) which identifies the reference as an "X" reference with respect to claims 1-12, 20-25 and 30-36 meaning it is of "particular relevance if taken alone".

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